

[26th August 1925]

Land Revenue.*Compensation to Mr. E. Madhava Menon for losses during Mappilla rebellion.*

* 450 Q.—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN: Will the hon. Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorial from one E. Madhava Menon, once acting adhikari of Thachambara amsam in Walluvanad taluk, praying that he may be reinstated in his office and granted compensation for the destruction of his house by the rebels in the recent Mappilla outbreak; and

(b) whether the Government have passed any orders on his application; if so, whether they will be pleased to lay it on the table with the memorial and other connected papers?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Board of Revenue was requested in April last to consider and dispose of the case on its merits as the appeal made to the Board was dismissed on a technical ground. The Board accordingly arranged for a fresh enquiry, an opportunity being given to the memorialist to defend himself. This enquiry has been completed and on the evidence, the Board considered that the memorialist deserved the punishment of removal from service and has accordingly declined to interfere on his behalf. The Government do not propose to publish the papers.

As regards memorialist's claim for compensation, it was not admitted as it was not recommended by the District Magistrate on the ground, apparently, that memorialist did not suffer the loss by reason of being the adhikari; but further enquiry has been made of the District Magistrate on this point.

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN:—"May I know why this adhikari was dismissed from service?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I am afraid I do not remember."

Assignment of waste lands as darkhast in certain villages.

* 451 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place before the House a statement showing the area of waste lands assigned as darkhast within the last ten years to adjoining or neighbouring pattadars apart from their kumki lands in the villages of Maral, Padavu, Derebail, Bolur, Padhakodi, Bangrakulur, Kavur, Panjimogar, Kunjathbail, Markada, Padushedde, Pachenadi, Kannur, Alape, excluding the area within the municipality of Mangalore and state—

(a) for what purposes these assignments were made;

(b) what portion of this area has been cultivated in each of the villages;

(c) whether it is a fact that as a result of these assignments and reservation of lands to Adi-Dravidas and assignments to ex-service men there is scarcely any land left in these villages for grazing purposes;